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SENATE BILL

No. 813

**Introduced by Committee on Veterans Affairs (Senators Correa
(Chair), Berryhill, Calderon, Cannella, La Malfa,
Negrete McLeod, and Rubio)**

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An act to amend Section 66025.8 of the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 813, as amended, Committee on Veterans Affairs. Public postsecondary education: veterans' enrollment.

Existing law requires the California State University and each community college district, and requests the University of California, with respect to each campus in their respective jurisdictions that administers a priority enrollment system, to grant priority for registration for enrollment to any member or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States, as defined, for any academic term attended at one of these institutions within 2 years of leaving active duty.

This bill would grant priority enrollment to these members or former members of the Armed Forces of the United States, who are residents of California, within 4 years of leaving active duty.

Because the bill would impose additional duties on community college districts, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 66025.8 of the Education Code is
2 amended to read:

3 66025.8. (a) The California State University and each
4 community college district shall, and the University of California
5 is requested to, with respect to each campus in their respective
6 jurisdictions that administers a priority enrollment system, grant
7 priority in that system for registration for enrollment to any member
8 or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States, and
9 who is a resident of California, who has received an honorable
10 discharge, a general discharge, or an other than honorable
11 discharge, and to any member or former member of the State
12 Military Reserve, for any academic term attended at one of these
13 institutions within four years of leaving state or federal active duty.
14 A former member of the Armed Forces of the United States or the
15 State Military Reserve who received a dishonorable discharge or
16 a bad conduct discharge is not eligible for priority registration for
17 enrollment pursuant to this section.

18 (b) (1) For *the* purposes of this section, “Armed Forces of the
19 United States” means the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine
20 Corps, National Guard, Naval Militia, Navy, and the reserve
21 components of each of those forces, including the California
22 National Guard.

1 (2) As used in this section, “member or former member of the
2 Armed Forces of the United States” includes, but is not necessarily
3 limited to, any student who is called to active military duty
4 compelling that student to take an academic leave of absence.

5 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
6 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
7 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
8 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
9 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

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